

Quarterly Issues Programs List for Station KGU-FM 99.5
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Section 1. Issues.

The station has identified the following as significant issues and concerns to our listeners and community during this quarter:

- 1. Increase in Crime:** Provided coverage of escalating crime in Hawaii.
- 2. Coronavirus Pandemic:** How Hawaii has been affected and how it is returning to normal.
- 3. Red Hill Fuel Spill:** How the spill has been affecting residents.
- 4. Rail:** How the Honolulu Rail System is affecting O'ahu.
- 5. PSA:** Public Service Announcement.

Section II. Responsive Programs

This station broadcast programming dealing with the above-referenced issues as follows:

1. Increase in Crime:

4/3/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Several bills designed to crack down on illegal fireworks appear to be dead in the state legislature. They include bills that would have increased fines, limited consumer fireworks, provided technology to search shipping containers, and allowed county police departments to track explosions. None of those four bills are crossing over into the opposite chamber for further consideration. Just two fireworks-related bills are still alive. One would establish an Illegal Fireworks Task Force within the state Department of Law Enforcement. The other would establish a Shipping Container Inspection Program.

4/4/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) A man accused of beating his landlord to death outside of an apartment building in the Ala Moana area has pleaded not guilty. The suspect is accused of second-degree murder following the 64-year-old man's death on March 19th. Prosecutors say the suspect had a court order to vacate his apartment. The man is accused of attacking his landlord when he arrived to pick up the keys to the unit. The man allegedly stabbed the landlord with a kitchen knife, then stomped on his head and chest several times. His trial is scheduled for June 5th.

4/6/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) City crews are hurrying to take phony stickers off of parking meters across Honolulu. The stickers feature QR codes that, if scanned, lead customers to a fraudulent website. The site, called ParkSmarter.app, asks people for their payment and personal information. Honolulu's official parking meter website is called ParkSmarter.com and only provides billing information and the location of the meter. City officials say the bogus stickers look almost exactly like the legitimate ones, complicating matters even more.

A former state representative is being sentenced to two years behind bars in connection to a bribery scandal at the state Capitol. Ty Cullen was convicted of accepting a 40-thousand dollars in bribes to influence legislation. Him and former Senate Majority leader J. Kalani English admitted they received bribes from a local business man to introduce, then kill, bills that established government funded cesspool replacement programs. The programs would have been beneficial to the businessman cleaning company. English is currently serving a three-year sentence.

4/10/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) A man is still on the loose after a chemical attack in Mililani. Honolulu police say a woman in her 20s was attacked by a man in a mask in the parking lot of a 24-Hour Fitness on Friday night. He shot at her, then dumped a bucket of a liquid chemical on her, leaving the woman with second-degree chemical burns. The chemical was described as an acidic liquid. The assailant fled the scene and is wanted for attempted murder. The motive and any possible connection between the suspect and victim are not clear.

4/11/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) The chemical attack that left a woman with severe burns in Mililani was not a random act of violence. Honolulu police say the suspect, who is still on the loose, knows the 20-year-old woman he targeted in a parking lot last Friday. The victim is still hospitalized in a burn unit, in serious condition. Police say the man first shot at her, but missed, then dumped an acidic liquid on her, then took off. She suffered second-degree burns.

4/12/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) A woman is recovering after allegedly being assaulted during her daily walk to the beach. The woman from Ewa Beach says she was grabbed and thrown to the ground on Monday afternoon. She says a stranger attacked her at a beach access path. The woman adds that the whole thing happened in just 30 seconds and she was not seriously hurt. No arrests have been made, but Honolulu police are now keeping a closer eye on the area. HPD crime mapping shows there have been three assaults in the area within the past week and six in the past month.

4/14/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) A suspect is behind bars on suspicion of assaulting a woman on a beach access path in Ewa Beach. Police only describe the suspect arrested Thursday as a "male juvenile," and haven't released his age. The victim was grabbed and thrown to the ground by a stranger on Monday evening. The woman says it all happened in about 30 seconds before the person ran away. She was not seriously hurt in the unprovoked attack.

The victim of this week's alleged boat arson fire at Ala Wai Boat Harbor has been through this before. The man tells KHON-TV it was the second time this month one of his boats has been set on fire. The 43-foot diesel boat was destroyed on Wednesday night, and a neighboring boat was slightly damaged, but no one was hurt. A suspect was arrested on first-degree arson charges Thursday night. The owner lost another boat on April 1st, when it caught fire on a trailer on Dillingham Boulevard. The cause of that fire hasn't been determined.

4/17/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) A manhunt continues today after two people were shot to death and three more were wounded in Maili. Honolulu police say a suspect opened fire on a group of people late Friday night.

Investigators believe the suspect and victims were arguing following a chicken fight. Two of the victims, a man and woman, were rushed to the hospital in personal vehicles, and later died. The three surviving victims are now out of the hospital. The suspect is described as a man in his 20s.

The Honolulu Police Department is launching an arson investigation after a fire on set of a major film production on Oahu. Sources say it happened last night on the set of Disney's live-action remake of "Lilo and Stitch." When firefighters arrived on scene they found brush burning under one of the trailers. Today was supposed to be the first day of filming.

4/18/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) The Honolulu Police Department is stepping up its enforcement of gambling laws after last weekend's deadly shooting in Maili. Two people were shot to death and three others were wounded after an argument during an illegal chicken fight. HPD Chief Joe Logan says there will be an increased police presence following the shooting, but hasn't said where. Meanwhile, the shooter is still on the loose. Logan says chicken fighting cases are tough to investigate, since the fights are usually highly organized and happen on private property.

4/19/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) The suspects wanted in connection with last weekend's deadly shooting at a chicken fight in Maili are behind bars. A 23-year-old man and 16-year-old boy turned themselves in on Tuesday. Both are facing first-degree murder charges. The shooting, which happened at about midnight Friday, left a man and woman dead and three other people wounded. Honolulu police say the shooting stemmed from an argument at the end of an illegal chicken fight.

A major investigation is underway at a home in West Oahu after authorities found what they believe are explosives and a drug lab inside. DEA agents made the discovery while serving a search warrant at a home in Makakilo on Tuesday night. Residents in as many as ten nearby homes were asked to evacuate for their safety while authorities descended on the property. The DEA says the agents found chemicals and materials that resemble a meth lab.

4/20/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) One of the suspects in last weekend's deadly shooting at a chicken fight in Maili is now facing formal charges. On Wednesday, 23-year-old JACOB BORGE was charged with one count of first-degree murder, one count of second-degree murder, three counts of attempted second-degree murder, and several gun-related counts. The man is accused of shooting a man and woman to death and wounding three other people during an

argument after an illegal chicken fight. He and a 16-year-old boy turned themselves in on Tuesday night.

Two suspects accused of firing on Hawaii Island officers during a dramatic pursuit early Thursday are now in custody. Authorities arrested 27-year-old Dylan Alcain, of Kailua-Kona, and 35-year-old Leilani Parent about 11:30 a.m. on attempted murder charges. Police believe Alcain was behind the wheel of a BMW that had been involved in two burglaries in Captain Cook. Around 4 a.m., officers were trying to stop the BMW on Mamalahoa Highway and Rabbit Hill Road. During the pursuit, gunshots were fired from a rifle at the three responding officers.

4/21/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) A 16-year-old boy is accused of firing the deadly shot that killed a woman at a chicken fight in Maili, and a 23-year-old is suspected to have shot and killed the woman's nephew. Three other people were wounded in a violent brawl last weekend. New court documents say the shooting stemmed from a fight that started as more than 100 people were leaving the property where an illegal chicken fight was being held. The man who died was trying to break up a scrap between two groups and was reportedly shot by two people he punched. Both suspects are behind bars and the adult suspect has been charged.

An undercover operation is responsible for catching nine sexual predators on Maui. Police conducted the operation over the weekend and caught nine men trying to solicit sex from minors on the internet. It was the most recent round of arrests as a part of the state's Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce.

4/24/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) The number of child abuse cases in Hawaii is on the rise. That's according to new data released by Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Oahu, State Judiciary's Children's Justice Centers, and their partner agencies. There were two-thousand-114 reported child abuse cases statewide in 2022. That's an increase of 332 cases from 2020. Oahu and Kauai had the highest number of increases among all islands. The report shows girls are still the most common victims of child abuse, but the number of boys being abused is going up, as is the number of physical abuse victims.

4/25/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) There are new details about the 21-year-old man behind bars in connection with a brutal chemical attack in Mililani. The man is accused of dumping a chemical on a 20-year-old woman in the parking lot of a 24-Hour Fitness on April 7th. Court documents say the man asked a friend about how he could get a ghost gun and hydrochloric acid less than two weeks before the attack. He's also accused of trying to hide his movements by faking GPS data on his cellphone.

4/26/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) A large number of kupuna are falling victim to scammers. The FBI's elder fraud report shows about 400 Hawaii residents aged 60 and older lost big money to scams in 2022. Collectively, they lost more than 16-point-three-million-dollars. The FBI says scammers are impersonating family members, government agencies, or offering investment opportunities in the form of real estate or phony startup companies.

Police are on the hunt for a road rage suspect in West Oahu. Investigators say the same guy driving a silver Mustang appears to be responsible for a series of road rage incidents in recent weeks. He's described as in his 40s or 50s, Asian, and slender with a dark complexion. One alleged victim tells KHNL-TV the man swerved in front of him on March 20th, stopped traffic to confront him, then slammed his hood with his hand, leaving a dent. A woman says the same driver did a similar thing to her four days later and tried to open her car door as well. Both victims have filed police reports.

4/28/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) The man accused of shooting several people at an illegal cockfight in Honolulu is pleading not-guilty to multiple charges. Jacob Borge is being charged with murder, attempted murder, and gun charges after he and a 16-year-old boy opened fire into a crowd of people on April 15th, wounding three people and killing two. Borge has been indicted on eleven total felony charges and is scheduled to go to trial in June.

Honolulu police say they've arrested a 52-year-old man in connection with a string of road rage incidents in West Oahu. He was taken in on first-degree terroristic threatening, harassment, and promoting dangerous drugs, but has not been charged. Two victims of the incident told Hawaii News Now that the same driver of a Silver Mustang accosted them in Ewa Beach. One driver said on March 20, a man in a silver Mustang swerved in front of him near Queen's Medical Center-West and then stopped traffic to confront him on Fort Weaver. He said the man left a dent on his hood.

5/3/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) The suspect recently arrested in connection with a series of violent road rage incidents in West Oahu has been charged. On Tuesday, 52-year-old RONALD DOMINGO was charged with terroristic threatening, harassment, and promoting a dangerous drug. He's being held behind bars on 16-thousand-dollars bail. Two alleged victims have come forward to say they were confronted by the driver of a silver Mustang in March. Both incidents happened in the middle of Fort Weaver Road in Ewa Beach. One of the alleged victims says DOMINGO left a dent in his hood after getting out of the Mustang to confront him. Another alleged victim says the man got out and started banging his hands on her car four days later.

5/10/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) A pretrial detainee is back behind bars after a barricade situation in Kaneohe. The Department of Public Safety says 38-year-old JONATHAN HEWETT was released from custody by

mistake on Tuesday. The DPS is investigating how the man was freed from a court cellblock after appearing at Kauikeaouli Hale. The man peacefully surrendered after speaking with negotiators. There are reports that he tried to hide in an attic. He was initially charged with unauthorized control of a propelled vehicle.

5/12/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Police fatally shot the armed suspect in a tense hostage situation inside a vehicle on Oahu's North Shore on Friday afternoon, ending a brief standoff. Sources also tell HNN that the hostage is safe. The suspect was holding the victim hostage inside a pickup truck near the Hawaii Polo Field. The incident started about 11 a.m. and police fatally shot the suspect about 12:20 p.m. Sources tell Hawaii News Now that a police chase preceded the standoff. Shots were fired during the chase, but there was no immediate word on injuries.

5/15/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) A man who was wandering in the middle of Farrington Highway is behind bars on suspicion of attacking an 82-year-old woman. Honolulu police say it happened early Sunday morning, just after midnight. The woman reportedly slammed on her brakes to avoid hitting the 31-year-old man. After that, he allegedly jumped on the woman's hood and started stomping on her windshield. Police arrested the man after he made a run for it. He faces a felony criminal property damage charge. It's unclear if the woman was hurt.

Honolulu police are still on the hunt for a gunman after a shooting that left a 35-year-old man in critical condition in Kalihi. Investigators say the man was working security for a game room when he was shot on Friday night. The shooting happened at a home near Kalihi Valley District Park. The victim was rushed into surgery and remains in critical condition.

A 16-year-old was arrested in connection with an apparent road rage incident that happened Saturday night in the Ala Moana area. The incident happened following a car crash near the intersection of Piikoi and Elm streets. We're told the teen suspect allegedly approached the woman in her car after the crash and punched her in the face. No word on the extent of her injuries.

5/16/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Honolulu police have arrested and charged Ikaika Anderson, former Honolulu City Councilmember and candidate for lieutenant governor, for allegedly abusing his girlfriend in Waimanalo on Monday night. Authorities said Anderson has been charged for alleged abuse of a family member — a misdemeanor offense. Honolulu police arrested the 45-year-old at a Waimanalo residence at about 7:45 p.m. According to a police report, the victim — a 34-year-old woman — reported a “domestic violence

situation” to a third party, who then CONTACTED POLICE. ANDERSON’S attorney says it was a misdemeanor offense based on a one-sided accusation.

A man is in custody after attacking an elderly woman's car on Sunday night in Oahu. It happened near the intersection of Nanakuli Avenue when an 82-year-old woman was driving down Farrington Highway and slammed on her breaks to avoid hitting 31-year-old Natin Auelua-Naki, who was standing in the middle of the road. Naki jumped on the victims hood and stomped on her windshield causing a lot of damage. He took off running but was tracked down by police and arrested.

5/18/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Former Honolulu City Council Chair Ikaika Anderson has been charged following his arrest in a domestic abuse case. The 45-year-old has been charged with misdemeanor abuse of a family or household member and is due in court on May 30th. Anderson is accused of injuring his 34-year-old girlfriend during an incident at his home in Windward Oahu earlier this week. Police say the woman had visible injuries before Anderson was arrested on Monday night. Anderson represented the Honolulu City Council's Third District for eleven years. He was chairman for nearly a year and a half before resigning in 2020 to help care for his grandparents.

5/19/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) The Honolulu Police Department is wrapping up its internal investigation into a police chase that ended in a violent crash in Makaha. That's what Deputy Chief Rade Vanic told the Honolulu Police Commission on Wednesday. Vanic says only one interview is remaining. The four officers involved in the chase were all charged with felonies in March, 18 months after allegedly running a car with six people off the road. Prosecutors say the officers then returned to the crash scene and acted like they didn't know what happened. They're also accused of chasing the car without their lights and sirens on, which is a violation of HPD policy. Their trial starts on May 29th.

The man accused of murdering his ex-lover at a home in Hawaii Loa Ridge allegedly lied to prosecutors before his trial. Newly released court documents say Juan Baron lied about his past criminal activity, and didn't admit to a 2019 arrest in Texas after he was caught using a fake driver's license to apply for a job. The court documents also reveal Baron got married two years ago, and was still married at the time of victim Gary Ruby's death in March of 2022. Baron is accused of killing Ruby at Ruby's home, then trying to hide his body in a bathtub full of concrete. His trial starts in July.

5/22/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) A man is behind bars for allegedly driving through a fence and then attacking two bystanders in Makakilo. Police say the 56-year-old suspect rammed through a fence near an off-ramp for the One Freeway on Sunday morning. After the crash, he's accused of threatening

to kill some good samaritans. He's facing several charges, including terroristic threatening.

5/24/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Two more suspects have been arrested in connection with the shooting that left a 17-year-old boy dead in Makaha. An 18-year-old woman and 16-year-old girl are facing a charge of first-degree hindering prosecution. The younger suspect is accused of driving the alleged shooter, a 16-year-old boy, to and from the scene on Sunday morning. The suspected shooter was charged with second-degree murder on Tuesday. The Honolulu Police Department wants the boy charged as an adult. KITV also reports the victim had a gun in his hand when police found his body.

A teen suspect is being charged in connection with the shooting death of a 17-year-old at Makaha Beach. The 16-year-old, who is accused of killing Miguel Agoo Junior on Sunday, has been hit with second-degree murder and firearm offenses. HPD says petitions have been filed looking to charge the 16-year-old boy as an adult.

5/26/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Kapolei Middle School went into lockdown Thursday morning after school officials said a student brought a gun to school. HPD Chief Joe Logan declined to release any details on the type of gun that was recovered, but said it belonged to a family member. He confirmed the child was arrested on multiple firearms offenses. In a letter sent out to parents, the state Department of Education said the incident happened around 8:30 a.m. when the school's administration received reports of a student allegedly showing other students a firearm. The school was immediately placed on lockdown out of an abundance of caution and the item was confiscated. The lockdown was lifted at 9:50 a.m.

The second suspect accused of shooting a 17-year-old boy to death at Makaha Beach park last weekend has been charged with murder. On Thursday, the 20-year-old man was charged with second-degree murder and first-degree arson. Police say he set the getaway car on fire after shooting the boy to death. The first alleged shooter, a 16-year-old boy, was charged with second-degree murder earlier this week.

6/1/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) One of two suspects linked to last week's deadly shooting at Makaha Beach park is facing charges. Court officials in Honolulu say a grand jury indicted 20-year-old Waylen Armstrong-Kea yesterday on second-degree murder -- as well as arson and weapons charges -- for his alleged role in the death of a 17-year-old Miguel Agoo Junior on May 21st. He reportedly remains in custody at Oh-Triple-Cee. Bond is set at two-million dollars. If

convicted, officials say, Armstrong-Kea could face life behind bars with the possibility of parole.

Michael Hirokawa's legal troubles aren't behind him yet. Legal experts say Tuesday's 'not-guilty' verdict in a 2020 sexual-assault and kidnapping case won't have much -- if any -- effect on an ongoing civil case. The attorney for the unidentified plaintiff says her team only has to prove Hirokawa's "preponderance" of guilt in the civil action rather than "beyond a reasonable doubt" threshold in the criminal case. Hirokawa's legal team reportedly will argue that their client was under the influence of both legal and illegal drugs when the alleged assault occurred.

6/5/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Honolulu Police are searching for two arson suspects. New surveillance footage shows the pair walking hand-and-hand in Iwilei moments before a boat was set on fire at a storage lot on Dillingham Boulevard. The crime happened on April 1st, but the boat owner only recently turned the videos over to police. Another boat was torched at the Ala Wai harbor a few days later. Anyone with information is encouraged to call CrimeStoppers.

6/14/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Former Honolulu City Council Chair Ikaika Anderson has pleaded not guilty to abuse charges. Tuesday was Anderson's first court appearance since his arrest on May 15th. He is accused of physically assaulting a 34-year-old woman, who was his girlfriend at the time. KITV reports the two had been dating for about a year. Anderson asked for a jury trial on Tuesday. He is due back in court on June 27th.

At least one person is hurt after a reported riot at a McDonald's in Waianae. Honolulu EMS confirms paramedics treated a 30-year-old man for minor injuries Tuesday night. A McDonald's employee tells KHNL-TV people were fighting inside and outside of the restaurant. It's unclear what the brawl was about. The McDonald's temporarily shut down after the disturbance.

6/15/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Honolulu EMS is warning first responders to be cautious of a powerful new drug additive. Xylazine has been found at several recent overdose scenes. The horse tranquilizer is believed to have contributed to one recent death on Oahu. The veterinary medicine is being added to opioids to lengthen and enhance the high. But, it effects the central nervous system and makes people pass out.

6/22/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Honolulu police still have more questions than answers about a shooting that critically wounded a 17-year-old girl last weekend. On Wednesday, detectives said the girl was shot in the

head by a male from about 200 feet away. The motive is still not known. According to witness reports, several people were shooting in multiple directions. But, one person was pointing a gun at the victim and her group and fired several rounds at them.

Two men are behind bars in connection with a break-in at the Merrie Monarch Festival office in Hilo. The items that were stolen earlier this week, including eight medals, have all been recovered. Police found the two men in their 30s illegally squatting inside a closed business in Hilo on Tuesday night. They were there with the stolen valuables, including the medals and electronics. Police are expecting to make more arrests in connection with the burglary.

6/23/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) A Honolulu man is behind bars on suspicion of attempted murder after allegedly trying to kill his ex-girlfriend and her new boyfriend in Chinatown. Police say he rear-ended the couple's parked car Thursday morning, then got out and started yelling at them. He later fired a shot through the driver's side window, then took off. No one was wounded. The 39-year-old man was arrested in a Home Depot parking lot a short time later. He is facing second-degree attempted murder charges.

Honolulu police have confirmed that a burglary suspect involved in an apparent barricade situation in Pearl City on Friday morning has been fatally shot. Emergency Medical Services said the suspect was a male in his 30s. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Officers responded to a report of a burglary at a home on Kalauipo Street in Manana shortly after 4 a.m. HPD said Specialized Services Division officers were called to the scene. The Honolulu Fire Department and EMS also responded because the home was on fire.

6/27/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) A couple from Honolulu is behind bars in connection with a deadly mass drug overdose at a hotel in Waikiki. Honolulu police confirm the man and woman were arrested last Friday. They're accused of distributing the fentanyl that killed two people and hospitalized three others earlier this month. Detectives say they were part of a much larger fentanyl distribution ring. Officers searched their apartment and found 500 grams of fentanyl, meth and 100-thousand-dollars in cash in a safe, then found drugs in their car. Investigators then searched postal records and the couple's laptop computer, revealing they ordered the drugs from Southern California using encrypted communications on the dark web.

6/28/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) A couple arrested in connection with a deadly mass fentanyl overdose at a hotel in Waikiki is now facing charges. The man and woman made their first federal court appearance on Tuesday and were charged with conspiracy to distribute and possession with the intent to distribute. Two people died and three others were hospitalized after overdosing on June 4th. The suspects are accused of providing fentanyl to one of the men who died.

Investigators searched the couple's apartment and found 500 grams of fentanyl and 100-thousand-dollars in cash.

A man has his 150-thousand-dollar food truck back, and it appears he'll still be able to use it. The trailer, which was stolen from a lot in Waikiki last Friday, was found Tuesday morning. Someone abandoned it in the Turtle Bay area. It has only minor damage.

6/29/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) There are new details about the couple arrested in connection with a deadly mass fentanyl overdose in Waikiki. A raid of the couple's home last week allegedly turned up 500 grams of fentanyl. Police say that's enough for 250-thousand lethal doses. The couple is accused of providing the fentanyl that led to five overdoses in a hotel room on June 4th. Two of the people died.

2. Coronavirus Pandemic:

4/3/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Hawaii ranks number one among all 50 states in preventing COVID deaths. That's according to a recent study published in The Lancet, a weekly peer-reviewed general medical journal. Hawaii has the lowest COVID death rate in the nation, at 147 per 100-thousand residents. That's with age and underlying illnesses factored in. Arizona has the highest COVID death rate in the nation at 581 per 100-thousand people.

4/6/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Hawaii is seeing a sudden surge in COVID-19 hospitalizations. Hospitalizations have nearly doubled in the past week. On Wednesday, there were 74 people hospitalized with COVID across the islands, compared with 39 in late March. State public health officials are concerned about protection from the latest COVID variants. Only about a fifth of the state's population has had the latest bivalent shot.

4/12/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) The amount of teen substance abuse reported in Hawaii fell during the pandemic. That's according to data released by the State Department of Health this week. It shows teens exercised more and were less likely to smoke, drink or consume other illicit substances. The data is from the biennial Hawaii Youth Behavior Risk Survey conducted in the fall of 2021.

4/14/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Many remote federal workers will soon have to return to the office. New guidance released Thursday

calls on federal agencies to "substantially" increase in-office work as the COVID-19 national emergency declaration is set to end in early May. The guidance stopped short of calling for any specific requirement.

4/26/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) The Hawaii Department of Health today reported 858 new covid 19 infections over the past week, bringing the total number of cases since the start of the pandemic to 386,632. Six more deaths were also reported, bringing the state's COVID death toll to 1,884. The state's seven-day average of new COVID-19 cases was at 114 a day, down from 133 a day reported on April 19. The state's average positivity rate was at 7.9%, the same as reported on April 19.

5/2/23– Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) The days of free COVID-19 testing for everyone are coming to an end. It coincides with the end of the federal Public Health Emergency, which ends on May 11th. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website, the change is happening partially because "the federal government has not received additional funds from Congress."

5/4/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Over three-point-five million dollars in grants are still available for Oahu businesses who were negatively impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic. On May 15th the county will reopen the Oahu Business Recovery Grants applications. The eligibility requirement for revenue has also dropped from 75-thousand dollars to 60-thousand dollars. This is the second round of grants that are being awarded. They range from 15-to-50-thousand-dollars. In the first round 330-eligible businesses were awarded a total of six-point-five million dollars. Businesses can apply at Revitalize-Oahu-dot-org.

5/23/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) The Hawaii Department of Health is investigating a COVID-19 outbreak at a nursing home in Hilo. Public health officials say the outbreak at Life Care Center of Hilo dates back to early April. Since then, one resident has died and 93 people have been infected. That includes 76 residents and 17 staff members. However, no new cases have been identified in the past week. The same nursing home had large COVID outbreaks in 2020 and 2021.

5/24/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Officials at a nursing home in Hilo now report they're clear of active COVID cases after the facility had its third outbreak in four years. Since early April, 93 positive cases and one death have been connected with the Life Care Center of Hilo. The cases include 76 residents and 17 staff members at the 252-bed nursing home. The state Department of Health

says no new cases have been identified during the past week. And, as of Tuesday, there are no more active cases.

5/25/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Oahu's paramedics are busier than they were before the pandemic. Honolulu EMS Director Doctor Jim Ireland says medical calls are up 20-percent compared to the pre-COVID years. Ireland believes the pandemic is partly to blame for the spike in emergency calls. He tells the Star Advertiser many people were less inclined or unable to see doctors for basic health exams during the pandemic, and are now seeing the consequences. He adds that the number of injuries is up too, as more tourists arrive and more people head outdoors.

6/29/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) The University of Hawaii's John A. Burns School of Medicine is suspending its body donation program starting July 11th. The program allows people to donate their bodies after their deaths for anatomical studies. Officials say, since the pandemic started, the number of bodies donated to the program stayed steady. But, fewer international doctors have been flying to Hawaii for surgical training. That has significantly slowed the program down.

3. Red Hill Spill:

4/13/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) A federal grand jury is launching a criminal probe into the Red Hill fuel spills of 2021. KHNL-TV reports several military and civilian officials have been subpoenaed in recent months to testify about the fuel spills that contaminated tap water with jet fuel and sickened thousands of people. However, it's not clear who the grand jury is targeting, and what criminal charges are being pursued through the investigation. Navy officials have not commented on the reported criminal probe.

4/26/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is officially cleared of wrongdoing in connection with the Red Hill water crisis. That's according to a report by the EPA's inspector general, released Tuesday. The EPA was responsible for overseeing the Navy when it contaminated the drinking water supplying 93-thousand Honolulu residents with jet fuel in 2021. The inspector general says the EPA provided adequate oversight and there's nothing more it could have done to prevent the disaster.

4/27/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) More than 100 lawsuits filed following the Red Hill fuel spill and water crisis will still be treated as separate cases. On Tuesday, a federal judge denied the U.S. government's request to consolidate the lawsuits. Last week, the U.S. Department of Justice argued the lawsuits should be consolidated since they have common issues. Next week, the parties in the cases will go to mediation. The ruling also means six families suing the U.S. government will go to trial next March.

5/5/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) The Navy is now admitting to another chemical spill that was never announced to the public. It happened at Joint Base Pearl Harbor- Hickam in October of 2021, just one month before the Red Hill fuel spill. The Navy says about 300-thousand gallons of water burst from a water main adjacent to the fire suppression pumphouse on the base. The water filled the berm area of the fuel oil reclamation facility, then mixed with product from the oil-water separators. Citing sources, KHNL-TV reports the contaminated mixture contained up to three-thousand gallons of fuel and also showed signs of containing aqueous film forming foam. That's the toxic firefighting foam that includes harmful forever chemicals.

5/16/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Oahu residents have about two weeks left to respond to a survey about the future of the Red Hill fuel storage facility. The survey launched in March and closes on May 31st. Only about 500 people have taken and submitted it so far. The survey asks people what the military should do with the World War Two-era facility once all the fuel is drained. The fuel is expected to be removed entirely by the end of June 2024. The survey is available at redhill-repurposing-dot-com.

5/17/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) The U.S. Department of Defense will begin defueling the Red Hill fuel storage facility in October. On Tuesday, Joint Task Force Red Hill submitted a revised defueling timeline to the EPA and Hawaii Department of Health. The process is now scheduled to start on October 16th and finish by January 19th, 2024. The Navy initially said defueling wouldn't be complete until June 2024.

5/18/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Up to 400-thousand gallons of jet fuel are unaccounted for in the military's latest plan to defuel Red Hill. The plan, announced Tuesday, calls for defueling to start in October and end by mid-January. The plan mentions removing 104-million-gallons of fuel from the underground tanks. But, that still leaves between 100-thousand and 400-thousand gallons unaccounted for. The Department of Defense says it's still finalizing a plan for emptying the last remaining bit of fuel.

5/22/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Residents are invited to attend an open house at the Red Hill fuel storage facility this week. The Joint Task Force for Red Hill is hosting two open house events on Tuesday and Wednesday from 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. This will give the public a chance to learn more about the defueling process and engage with community leaders.

5/24/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Preparation work for the massive process to defuel the Red Hill bulk fuel storage facility is underway. Joint Task Force Red Hill is planning to start removing more than 100-million-gallons of fuel in October. Brigadier General Michelle Link, the deputy commander of Joint Task Force Red Hill, says the goal is to get the job done without spilling a single drop of fuel.

5/31/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) New revelations show the Navy waited several days to tell the public about the Red Hill fuel spill. A recent deposition of Leonard Joseph Nehl, a supervisor of the Navy's drinking water system, reveals more about what happened in late November and early December of 2021. Nehl says, on November 28th, officials could smell fuel coming from the sink in Navy Captain Gordie Meyer's office bathroom. Nehl says, on that day, Meyer wanted to let people know. Instead, that night, the Navy put out a press release saying there was "no immediate indication that the water is not safe." The Navy didn't announce its public drinking water system contained fuel until December 2nd, four days later.

6/7/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Huge new fuel storage tanks are being built in Kapolei as the military gets ready to drain the fuel tanks at Red Hill. The construction of the above-ground tanks is funded by the military and is expected to be completed in August. The process of defueling Red Hill will start in October. The new tanks are at Island Energy, which received a five-year contract from the military worth more than 170-million-dollars. The five new tanks are 64-feet tall and 125-feet in diameter, and six existing tanks at the facility are being repurposed as well.

6/13/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) The Navy claims it's having major success in cleaning out its contaminated water well at Red Hill. The Red Hill Shaft was contaminated with jet fuel in 2021, leading to hundreds of residents near Pearl Harbor getting sick. The state Department of Health ordered the pumping of the Red Hill Shaft more than 18 months ago. Since then, more than two-point-three-billion-gallons of fresh, filtered water have been washed down the Halawa Stream and into the ocean. The Navy says, as the well gets cleaner, it's cutting down on

the amount of water it dumps down the stream. The DOH has granted the Navy permission to reduce pumping from five million to one-point-eight-million-gallons of water per day.

6/27/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) The Honolulu Board of Water Supply is investing 43-and-a-half-million-dollars to build a new reservoir in Waiawa. It will essentially replace the job once done by the Halawa Shaft, which has been shut down since the Red Hill water crisis started. The Halawa Shaft supplied about 20-percent of the drinking water needs for residents living between Moanalua and Hawaii Kai. The BWS says its stored water capacity for urban Honolulu is now short by about 55-million gallons.

6/29/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) The long-awaited defueling of Red Hill is a step closer to happening. On Wednesday, the military joint task force in charge of removing fuel announced all of the needed modifications and repairs to the World War Two-era storage facility have been completed. The state Department of Health required the work to be done before crews could safely start draining the underground tanks. Next up is removing 104-million-gallons of jet fuel. Defueling operations are expected to start in September, with most of the work on track to be done by the end of January.

4. Rail:

4/4/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) The cost of the Honolulu rail project could be going up by another 75-million-dollars. The Honolulu Rail Authority will soon decide on a new utility relocation contract for electrical work that's expected to cost 75-million-dollars. Utility relocation work along Dillingham Boulevard has already cost 84-million-dollars. And, contracts worth another 714-million-dollars have also been awarded to move utilities along Dillingham Boulevard and through the Downtown area to make way for the train tracks and stations. But, the contracts awarded in the past are only for so-called "backbone infrastructure." They don't cover the transformers and electrical lines needed to connect the businesses and homes along the rail route to the new electrical infrastructure being installed.

4/18/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) The long-anticipated Honolulu rail line is expected to be carrying its first passengers in about three months. Lori Kahikina, executive director and CEO of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation, confirms the ten-billion-dollar rail line will partially open in July.

That's what she told the Honolulu Star-Advertiser's Spotlight Hawaii program on Monday. Mayor Rick Blangiardi first announced the July opening during his State of the City Address in March. Kahikina says she was expecting the mayor to say summer and not a specific month. But, she decided to get her more than 150 staff members mobilized to "not make a liar of out him." The first rail segment will run from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium.

4/20/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) The Honolulu rail line is a step closer to getting on track. On Wednesday, the Honolulu City Council approved the Department of Transportation service's rail safety plan. The plan sheds light on the possible operating hours of the trains once they open to the public in July. They're expected to run from five a.m. to seven p.m. on weekdays and from eight a.m. to seven p.m. on weekends. That's for the first leg of the rail line, from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium. The second leg, from Aloha Stadium to Middle Street, is scheduled to open in 2025. The entire system is expected to be fully operational in March of 2031.

5/10/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Today, the city will announce the official opening date for the long-awaited first phase of the Honolulu rail line. Mayor Blangiardi has scheduled a news conference for 8:30 this morning. He and the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation have each recently confirmed a summer opening date. The first phase of the rail line will have nine stations and stretch from Kapolei to Aloha Stadium. The second phase is expected to open in 2025. Construction started back in 2012.

The city on Wednesday announced the grand opening date of the first phase of the Honolulu rail project in a press conference. The first phase begins in Kapolei and extends to the now-shuttered Aloha Stadium. There are nine stations along the initial route. It's slated to open June 30 with ridership beginning at 2 p.m. The Department of Transportation said its offering free ridership for 4th of July weekend following opening day.

5/12/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Rides aboard the Honolulu rail line will be free on its first day of operation on June 30th. Interim passenger operations will start at 2:00 in the afternoon. The first eleven-mile segment of the rail system is opening to the public that day, between the Kualakai Station in East Kapolei and the Halawa Station near Aloha Stadium. Mayor Blangiardi says the big day will also feature a grand opening celebration at the Halawa Station featuring dignitaries and live entertainment.

6/2/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) State officials are gearing up for next week's planned handover of the long-delayed Honolulu rail system to the city's Department of Transportation Services. Workers reportedly have

completed repairs to cracks in the "hammerhead" track supports that keep the system properly aligned. In addition to these and other fixes, city, state, and federal transportation experts reportedly completed safety checks on 24 thousand rail-system elements in advance of the planned handover in order to meet the June 30th launch deadline

6/16/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Honolulu's rail line has a new official name: "Skyline." Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi made the announcement today, saying he's hopeful the new name will offer a chance to re-brand the costliest public works project in Hawaii's history. Other names that were considered include "HART," "TheTrain" — like "TheBus and "TheHandi-Van" — and "Rail." the feedback on those brands were overwhelmingly negative. The city also tested Hawaiian words, including "Hoku," "Ilima," and "Kui." The new name "Skyline" comes ahead of opening day of the rail's first phase on June 30.

6/27/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Honolulu Transportation Services is reminding people to have their HOLO cards handy if they want to ride the Skyline. Anyone can ride the rails for free and without a card on Friday's opening day. But, starting Saturday, people will need a HOLO card to access the station gates. But, rides will remain free through Tuesday. About 100-thousand Oahu residents have already bought a HOLO card. They cost two dollars with an initial balance requirement of three dollars.

6/28/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Honolulu officials are bracing for complaints with the grand opening of Skyline two days away. Transportation officials say they're aware several rail stations don't have bathrooms and other key amenities. That's because of several cost cuts made during the construction process. The Honolulu Authority For Rapid Transportation also decided to leave some stations with small parking lots. And, most stations have just one escalator serving each of their two platforms. That's because escalators are expensive to build and maintain.

6/29/23 – Newscast (30 sec. 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 3pm, 4pm) Honolulu rail CEO Lori Kahikina isn't getting the best reviews ahead of the opening of Skyline. In a recent evaluation, eleven of the 12 members of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation Board both praised and criticized her work. On Wednesday, Kahikina told the Honolulu Star-Advertiser she got a "C-Minus," saying she thought she was doing a better job than that. Kahikina's job performance was evaluated for her interaction with the board, external relationships, internal relationships and general management abilities.

5. PSAs :

1. Doctors Without Borders – 2x/day (:60/:30)
2. Help Heal Vets – 2x/day (:60/:30)
3. Starlight – 2x/day (:60)
4. Adopt US Kids – 2x/day (:60)
5. Mercy Ships – 2x/day (:30)
6. Oxfam – 2x/day (:30)
7. Mental Health – 2x/day (:60)
8. Cancer Screening – 2x/day (:30)
9. Caregiver Assistance – 2x/day (:60)
10. Online Pharmacies – 2x/day (:60/:30)
11. V Foundation – 2x/day (:60)
12. Pests – 2x/day (:30)
13. Parkinsons – 2x/day (:60/:30)